



DECLASSIFIED

Department of State

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL

AN: 0790426-0181

EX-101

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KABUL 06959 180028Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-10 ADS-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PH-06
H-01 INR-10 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02
SS-15 ICA-11 SY-05 MA-05 IO-14 SPH-01 SPS-01
/114 M

-----020584 180837Z /20
P R 180591Z SEP 79
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5671
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIJING
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
RUSSIA/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 7412
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
CINCPAC HONOLULU

CONFIDENTIAL KABUL 6959

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12065: XROS-4 9/19/99 (PLATIN, BRUCE A.) OR-M
TAGS: PINS, PINR, AF
SUBJ: (C) WHEREABOUTS OF RECENTLY PURGED AFGHAN OFFICIALS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO A TOP KHALOI PROPAGANDA OFFICIAL, TARAKI IS STILL ALIVE AND THE FOUR AFGHAN OFFICIALS REPLACED ON SEPTEMBER 14 ARE STILL AT LARGE. END SUMMARY.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 17, THE A/DCM HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN PRIVATELY WITH

THE A/DCM OBSERVED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE WAY FORMER PRESIDENT NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI HAD BEEN HANDLED IN THE SEPTEMBER 15 AND
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KABUL 06959 180028Z

16 EDITIONS OF THE "KABUL TIMES." ON THE FORMER DAY, WE HAD

CONFIDENTIAL

REVIEWED BY [REDACTED] DATE [REDACTED]
FDS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
TS AUTH. [REDACTED]
ENDORSE EXISTING [REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED [REDACTED]
RELEASE [REDACTED]
PA or FCI [REDACTED]

8400128

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

BEEN THE "GREAT LEADER," "GENIUS LEADER," AND "GREAT TEACHER" -- AND ON THE 16TH, HE WAS MERELY "MOOR MOHO. TARAKI" AIRILY OBSERVED THAT, "THERE ARE UPS AND DOWNS IN POLITICS -- JUST AS IN THE CASE OF YOUR FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON."

4. [REDACTED] TO DESCRIBE TARAKI'S PRESENT PHYSICAL CONDITION OBLIQUELY AS SOME TYPE OF MINOR STROKE OR NERVOUS DISORDER. [REDACTED] RECALLED THAT THE FORMER AFGHAN LEADER HAD BEGUN TO DISPLAY AN "ERRATIC BEHAVIOR" IN CUBA -- UNCHARACTERISTICALLY LOSING HIS TEMPER FREQUENTLY. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT TARAKI WAS NOW RESTING COMFORTABLY -- AND THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD "CONTINUE TO BE SAFE." (NOTE: MOST KABULIS ARE CERTAIN THAT TARAKI IS DEAD. THEY HAVE NOTED THAT THERE WERE FIVE COFFINS IN THE SPECIAL FUNERAL CORTEGE OF SEPTEMBER 16 -- BUT ONLY FOUR "MARTYRS" WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE REGIME.)

5. AS FOR THE FOUR OFFICIALS DEPOSED ON SEPTEMBER 14 (INTERIOR MINISTER MOHO. ASLAM WATANJAR, FRONTIER MINISTER SHER JAN MAZDOORYAR, COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER SAYED MOHO. GULABZOI, AND AGSA (SECRET POLICE) CHIEF ASADULLAH), [REDACTED] DECLARED FLATLY THAT ALL FOUR HAD FLED AND WERE STILL AT LARGE. HE GREATLY REGRETTED THIS, MYOR HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR THEIR "GREAT CRIMES AGAINST THE REVOLUTION, THE PARTY, AND THE PEOPLE." [REDACTED] HELD THE FOUR RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE TROUBLE IN AFGHANISTAN TODAY, INCLUDING "THE BANDITRY AND LAWLESSNESS." HE ALSO ACCUSED AGSA'S ASADULLAH OF ENCOURAGING THE DISSEMINATION OF ANTI-AMIN SHABNAMAS ("NIGHT-LETTERS") BY A DISSIDENT KHALQI FACTION. (COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DID FIND IT REMARKABLE THAT THAT PARTICULAR LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED ON SUCH A WIDESPREAD BASIS WITH NO APPARENT

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KABUL 06959 180828Z

POLICE REACTION AT THE TIME.)

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

AMSTUTZ

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

03115507000